

## Manor View dump site update

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Fort Meade officials have new data regarding the Manor View Dump Site. The data shows the remediation done to remove the methane gas did not work as expected. Methane was detected before Christmas at high levels adjacent to five of the 20 homes near the fenced-off dump site. An overall site check was done to include the school grounds and the area of concern remains the military housing side of the dump site. Acting with caution, the Command determined at that time it was necessary to relocate families residing in the 4950-4954 block of Hayden Drive in Potomac Place. Additional testing done on Dec. 27, 2005, behind the remaining homes (4945-4949 & 4955-4964) confirmed additional areas with high methane levels and families residing in these units were also relocated. Testing conducted in the front yard of the 4950-4954 block revealed methane was present but not at elevated levels. There is no evidence of migration of methane gas past the front yards of the housing units immediately bordering the dump site. Additional efforts to control the migration of the methane gas will be undertaken shortly in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers.

Col. Kenneth O. McCreedy, installation commander said, "I want to assure residents that Fort Meade officials are taking all appropriate measures to ensure the safety and well being of our military families. We are monitoring the situation closely and will keep you informed of any developments. We do not anticipate any other relocation at this time but along with Picerne Military Housing and Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) we are prepared to respond in a timely manner. Remedial measures are under way to resolve the problem."

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